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In re the Application of

Migaku SUZUKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3761

Application No.: 10/538,786

Examiner: K. REICHLE

Filed: June 14, 2005

Docket No.: 124247

For: ABSORBENT PRODUCT WITH NONPERMEABLE SURFACE SHEET

Tentative Participants:

(1) Examiner Reichle (2) Robert G. Bachner
(3) Daniel A. Tanner (by telephone) (4) _____

Confirmed Date of Interview: July 12, 2010 Proposed Time: 3:00 PM (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Objection to drawings and specification</u>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>§112, first paragraph</u>	<u>Specification</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) <u>§132(a)</u>	<u>Amendment filed 01/02/2009</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) <u>§112, second paragraph</u>	<u>8-10, 23, 25, 27, 29, 36, 37 & 39</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Applicants without conceding to the merits of the Office Action's objections to the drawings propose filing corrected drawing sheets labeling Fig. 16B as a "New Sheet."

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____

NOTE:

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This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

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(5) <u>§112, first paragraph</u>	<u>1-6 & 8-39</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(6) <u>Claim language interpretation</u>	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Without conceding to the merits of the Office Action's rejections and objections of the disclosure, Applicants propose filing a replacement specification amending the specification to address the specific informalities addressed in the Office Action.

The Amendment filed January 1, 2009 amended the specification to delete portions and clarify the references to the figures. The Amendment added no new matter.

Applicants propose amending claim 27 as recommended by the Examiner to overcome the Office Action's objection.

Applicants propose canceling claim 8, and amending claim 1 as attached to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicants submit that the features recited in claims 25 and 29 are definite such that one of skill would understand that which Applicants regard as their invention.

Claims 1-6 and 8-39 are supported by the originally filed specification.

The Office Action improperly interprets the claims based on page 8 of the Office Action. Claim 20 is not a product-by-process claim.

The Office Action improperly relies on a dictionary definition to define "coat" instead of relying on intrinsic evidence of the record to define "coat."

The attached proposed amendment of claim 1 overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Roe (U.S. Patent No. 6,627,786).

PROPOSED CLAIM 1

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent product, comprising:
- a surface sheet which is liquid-impermeable;
 - a back sheet which is liquid-impermeable positioned under the surface sheet; ~~and~~
 - an absorber containing super absorbent polymer to absorb discharged liquid, the absorber being positioned between the surface sheet and the back sheet, the discharged liquid being discharged on the surface ~~sheet, sheet; and~~
- a liquid-permeable guide sheet laminated to at least a portion of a surface of an upper side of the surface sheet,
- wherein the surface sheet fully covers in a lateral direction, and partially or fully covers in a longitudinal direction, an upper surface of the absorber, the longitudinal direction being equivalent to a direction from front to back of a wearer's body when the absorbent product is worn and being perpendicular to the lateral direction,
- a flow passage is provided to allow a part or all of the discharged liquid to flow off from the surface sheet toward the ~~backsheet~~ back sheet and to move to a boundary between the back sheet and the absorber, in order to absorb the part or all of the discharged liquid by the absorber, ~~and~~
- the surface sheet and the absorber are positioned so that the discharged liquid is not directly absorbed by the upper surface of the absorber and is absorbed from lateral and lower surfaces of the ~~absorber~~ absorber, ~~and~~
- the guide sheet having concave and convex portions that constitute the flow passage and has apertures in at least one of the convex portions.